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SUBJECT: U.S. ASSISTANCE TO CABINDAN REFUGEES IN ZAIRE  
THROUGH UNHCR

REF: A. KINSHASA 7988; B. STATE 164267

1. DEPUTY UNHCR DE HAAN HAS WRITTEN MISSION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR USG PLEDGE OF \$150,000 FOR ASSISTANCE TO CABINDAN REFUGEES IN ZAIRE. THIS SUM WAS PASSED TO THE INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE (IRC) AND THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS) IN EQUAL AMOUNTS FOR THIS PURPOSE (REF B). LETTER STATES UNHCR'S UNDERSTANDING THAT USG CONSIDERING ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION OF \$150,000 IN FAVOR OF CABINDAN REFUGEES IN ZAIRE. IT TRANSMITS BRIEF SETTING FORTH SUBSTANTIAL NEEDS FOR RURAL RESETTLEMENT OF CABINDANS, FOR WHICH REQUIREMENTS FOR 1978 ARE ESTIMATED AT \$3.1 MILLION. LETTER SAYS UNHCR WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION USG MIGHT GIVE TO PROVIDING INCREASED CONTRIBUTION FOR PROGRAM BEYOND THAT ALREADY ENVISAGED.

2. ATTACHED BRIEF SAYS THAT AS OF JUNE 30, 1978, REFUGEES IN ZAIRE WERE ESTIMATED AT 529,000, INCLUDING 500,000 ANGOLANS, 15,000 RWANDESE AND 11,300 BARUNDI. THERE HAS UNCLASSIFIED

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BEEN A NEW INFLUX OF 60,000 ANGOLANS IN THE CATARACTS REGION (BAS-ZAIRE) SINCE EARLY 1978. UNHCR ASSISTANCE IN 1977 WAS ESTIMATED AT \$2.67 MILLION IN CASH AND KIND FOR ANGOLAN REFUGEES. OF THE ENTIRE UNHCR 1977 EXPENDITURE OF \$3.75 MILLION, 75 PERCENT WAS EXPENDED FOR ANGOLANS.

3. BRIEF NOTES PRESENCE OF 25,000 CABINDAN ORIGIN REFUGEES

IN BAS-FLEUVE OF SPECIAL CONCERN TO UNHCR. 15,000 OF THESE ARE IN TWO RURAL SETTLEMENTS OF KIMBIANGA AND LUNDU MATENDE WHICH ARE NOW SATURATED. THESE SETTLEMENTS, FINANCED BY UNHCR GENERAL PROGRAM AND CONSTRUCTED BY AIDR ARE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE EACH REFUGEE WITH PLOT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A HOUSE AND A LARGER PLOT, SEEDS AND TOOLS FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, WITH FOOD PROVIDED TO COVER PERIOD UNTIL SECOND HARVEST. AIDR IS ESTABLISHING INFRA-STRUCTURE, INCLUDING TEMPORARY SCHOOLS, DISPENSARIES, STORAGE HOUSES, WELLS, ETC. UNHCR IS FINANCING SALARIES OF SCHOOL AND DISPENSARY PERSONNEL AND REMUNERATIONS FOR SETTLEMENT WORKERS EMPLOYED IN CONSTRUCTION.

4. NOTE STATES THAT UNHCR HEADQUARTERS MISSION TO BAS-FLEUVE IN JUNE 1978 REPORTED FAVORABLY ON CONDITION OF 15,000 REFUGEES IN KIMBIANGA AND LUNDU MATENDE SETTLEMENTS, ESPECIALLY AS CONCERNS HEALTH AND NOURISHMENT. MISSION CONTRASTED THEIR CONDITION WITH THAT OF 10,000 OTHERS OUTSIDE SETTLEMENTS WHO ARE IN NEED OF CLOTHING, MEDICAL TREATMENT AND PROPER NOURISHMENT. UNHCR'S 1978 PROGRAM FOR CABINDAN REFUGEES IS ESTIMATED AT \$3.1 MILLION AND CALLS FOR MAINTENANCE OF PRESENT FACILITIES AND SETTLEMENT OF ALL 10,000 REFUGEES NOW OUTSIDE KIMBIANGA AND LUNDU MATENDE. HOWEVER, SINCE 1978 UNHCR GENERAL PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN FULLY FUNDED, FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF CABINDAN PROGRAM MAY BE PRECLUDED AS A RESULT OF BUDGET CUTS.

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ACCORDINGLY, "GENEROUS AND TIMELY CONTRIBUTIONS" TO UNHCR'S CABINDAN PROGRAM ARE URGENTLY REQUESTED.

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